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407 So. Western Avenue.  
Los Angeles, California.

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Owner: Mrs. James R. Brehm, 1450 Hillcrest Avenue, Pasadena

Date of Erection: 1810 to 1812

Architect:

Builder: Claudio Lopez, under supervision of Pedro Zalvidea, of the San Gabriel Mission.

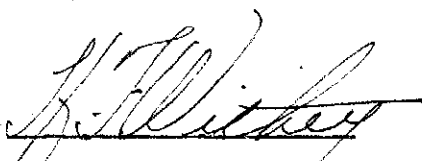
Present Condition: In good condition and well preserved, First built as a grist mill, purchased in 1859 by Col. E. J. C. Kewen, Attorney General of California, and with the addition of porches was made into a residence. It was bought in 1903 by Henry E. Huntington, and repaired and came into possession of the present owner in about 1925, when changes were made to restore the outward appearance of the original structure in materials and colors of finish.

Number of Stories: Two.

Materials of Construction: Stone foundations, stone, brick and adobe brick in both exterior and interior walls; Walls and ceiling of dining room of brick, heavily coated with whitewash, colored dark yellow. Building is plastered inside and out, Roof construction is open timbered work, of hewn logs with part of connections made with rawhide. Modern tilla floors have been laid in dining room and living room, and a new tile roof added.

Other Existing Records: "Doors of Yesterday", by Marion Parks, 1932; "In Pursuit of Vanished Days" by Marion Parks, 1928. Annual of Historical Society of Southern California". "The Old Mission Churches and Historic Houses of California." Rexford Newcomb, 1925, "Historic Spots of California, "Southern Counties" Hero Eugene Rensch, 1932. "My Seventy Years in California" by J. A. Graves.

Additional Data: This Mill, built on the property of the San Gabriel Mission, was the first grist mill built in California. It was for the Mission's own use, and operated by water power, water being brought by flume from nearby Los Robles Canyon. An Earthquake in 1812 damaged the reservoir or basin adjoining the mill in such a manner that it became necessary to abandon the structure as a mill.

  
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